

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, public health programs are essential to a strong, successful health care system that benefits all of our residents regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic strata; and

WHEREAS, public health services promote healthy behaviors, assure the quality and accessibility of health care, respond to disasters, and assist communities in recovery; and

WHEREAS, people who are physically active, maintain a healthy weight, eat a nutritious diet, avoid tobacco products, and practice other healthy behaviors reduce the incidence and mortality of many chronic diseases that impact individuals and families in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Designing Healthy Communities, Raising Healthy Kids," this year's observance emphasizes the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle at a young age and working together at local, state, and national levels to develop and promote new and innovative solutions for an improved quality of life for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2006 as

PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to get regular preventive health checks and incorporate healthy practices into their daily



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA